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The Letter.

Now that the public have had time to digest Mr. BLAINE's remarkable letter, and has had heard or read the differing what the Plumed Knight meant by his declination to run this year as a candidate for President, it will be well to reran see the mind of the writer. Mr. BLAINE is a master of clear, correct, expressive English. He knows exactly how to say what he desires to say.

Here is the opening sentence and paragraph of Mr. Blaine's letter : "Sir .- I wish through you to state to the members of the Republican party that my name will not be presented to the National Convention called to assemble in Chicago in June next for the nomi nation of candidates for President and

Vice-President of the United States.' He says not merely that he does not wish for his name to be presented, nor merely that he does not intend for it to be presented, but as positively as words could express his fixed purpose: "My name will not be presented." It would have been difficult, if not impossible, for him to have employed a less ambiguous form of words.

Note, too, that Mr. BLAINE does not claim that he was wrongfully, or even by the folly of BURCHARD or of the men who gave him "the BELSHAZZAR feast," deprived of the vote of the State of New York. If he had been considering the question of his own strength rather than that of the strength of the Republican party, he would not have failed to emphasize what so many of his friends declare to have been the fact.

Again : Whilst Mr. BLAINE congratu those "cheering prospects." He is ab solutely silent upon this point, too.

Once more: If Mr. BLAINE had desired the nomination of the Chicago convention he would have taken care not to intimate that nomination was equivalent to election. Did he take this precaution ? On the contrary, he says that on the result of such an issue as that made by Mr. CLEVELAND "there is no room for doubt." Whoever may be nominated will certainly be elected, says Mr. BLAINE. Is that the language of a man who expects and desires a nomination?

Finally, Mr. BLAINE speaks of himself as a man who has been a "public candidate," but is hereafter to be only a "private citizen." We quote the conclusion of his letter, as follows:

"To this end, not less carnestly and more directly as a private citizen than as a public candidate, I shall devote myself, with the confident belief that the administration of the Government will he restored to the party which ha demonstrated the purpose and the power to wield it for the unity and the honor progress of the people.

like sheep without a shepherd. They We quote : flee before CLEVELAND'S army. Did he "I make bold to say that to-day our produce this condition of things in his American railroads are incomparably more in politics' than the German railown interest? No, indeed. He has declined in good faith, but takes care to affirm in effect that if the nominee of State, I believe, are less 'in politics' the Chicago convention is anybody at all | than they were when they were private he will sarely be elected, as he (BLAINE) | property. undoubtedly would have been elected had he chosen to run. This last is not our opinion, but BLAINE's implied affirm

England and the Continent. A London cable dispatch says that in the British House of Commons Tuesday Sir James Fergusson, Under Foreign Secretary, "explained that in stating recently that the British Government was to come only to modify as far as possi not pledged to military action in behalf | ble the injurious effects of the tariff and of any European Power he implied naval action also. Beyond the treaties known to the country," he said, "none existed. the people have been prepared to accept He declined to produce the correspond-and enforce them—is only to retard the steady progress that leads to success. All production of such correspondence," he declared. "was not in accordance with uniform precedent, nor was it advisable

in view of the present situation." So far so good. But when we learn that upon being questioned by Mr. LA-BOUCHERE as to whether any engagement other than a treaty had been made by England, the Under Secretary replied that he was not in a position to answer, it strikes us that the explanation does not explain. Certainly it does not explain in the sense of giving assurance that England contemplate being a passive spectator crisis in Continental Europe culminate in war. On the contrary, Sir James Fergussön's language affords latitude for the inference, if it does not positively justify the assertion that an understanding exists between England and the signatory powers to the triple alliance. This conclusion would be reasonable even were it not emphasized by Salisbury's speech at the opening of Parliament.

already in existence, no injustice will be done to either party so far as those con-

would show higher rates of insurance, for it is certain that everybody would have to pay higher rates if the companies were made to pay all losses claim- argu ed to have been sustained by the insured. | York Tribune. The public would in a certain sense be the new insurers, since each man would have to pay his portion of the loss in the shape of larger premiums.

Experimental Stations.

We let the peanut region be heard; but we must say to our correspondent that Blacksburg was selected as an exeral Government could be expended no. rally his forces in this State. where else than at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. We are sorry to learn that our Southampton friends fear | buildings is a very different thing from they will have to find a substitute for peanuts t

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, Feb. 14, 1888. To the Editor of the Dispatch :

While there is so much being said and proprietor, Eichmond, Va. about the establishment of an agricultural portfolio at Washington and experimental farms in each State I would ike to put in a plea for my own section. Of what benefit to Tidewater Virginia | Neither. rould an experimental farm at Blacks

ourg or any other mountain section be? What would suit the land and climate here would in all probability be of no value to us, and what would be a profitable crop to us might prove an entire failure there. We have been forced to give up cotton almost entirely for years opinions expressed by distinguished to give up the peanut crop, and it would men and men not distinguished as to be a great relief to us to know of some other staple, or how better to work the ones we now have in order to make both ends meet.

It seems to me that the just and equicur to the exact phraseology of the let-ter in order to learn whether in it we priated (if any should be) would be to have the experimental stations in the different sections, and thereby find the play." That's evidently a slap at crops most suited to each. If this plan were adopted I think there

would be no trouble in procuring the necessary lands as a donation to the States to be held by them so long as they were used for this purpose. Give us a start off in this direction,

and let us have the pros and cons through your paper. Electric Railroads.

not flatter ourselves that this is the ne that statement, plus ultra. A company has just been organized in Baltimore to build at an early day a test line between that city and some not too distant city, on which a series of experiments will thoroughly test the principles that are the basis of a new kind of rapid transit. The cars are to be ten feet or more in length and about two and a half wide. The train may make 900 miles an hour. The Sun may be sent each morning from Baltimore to Chicago before the people of Chicago are out of bed. The facilities recommend this book to the student of it offers for mail carriage cannot be overestimated, and the directors will later take into consideration the offers lately quote the Sun :

"The speed of the generating dynamo cheering prospects which distinguish the opening of the national contest of per minute have been made by a dynamo that the bands of Republicans.

at each end, the front point being place below its perpendicular centre, so that the pressure of the atmosphere will keep the wheels to the track and bobbing up against the upper rail. the wheels to the track and avoid

What next?

Professor ELY, of the Johns Hopkins Institute, Baltimore, is a sort of Dr. FRANKIJN-both learned and practical. us that in Berlin, Prussia, the streetrailroad companies must keep the streets each passenger with a seat, must in laving owners of vehicles, and do a thousand and one things which an American corporation does not dream of, to say would be better done by the district nothing about the fact that in 1911 their school boards for about one tenth of that entire property reverts to the city with- sum. By the way, if we must have out compensation.

Professor Eny calls street-railroads, ural monopolies." In these competition with few or no qualifications for the does "not one particle of good," He of the republic, for the prosperity and makes, as to Government railroads in Germany, one remark which we com-Is Mr. Blance a shrewd politician? mend to the attention of persons who He is the shrewdest in the land. Look fear that a Government postal-telegraph If the State was divided into four-mile the attention of the Senate to the imporat the Republicans to-day. They are in this country would get into politics, districts (or hexagons) every child in it, tance of either acting on the important

roads. Not only this, those German railroads which have been bought by the

Our neighbor of the Dispatch wonders why it is that the State, holding the opinions that it does hold, does not advocate absolute free trade. This the State would advocate were there at this time a practicable substitute for the tariff to be found. But the country has not vet been educated up to a belief in the removal of all restriction on trade. That education cannot be accomplished in a day. We can hope for some time to reduce its burdens. It is best to make haste slowly. Trying to do too muchtrying to enforce radical reforms before that we can hope to secure for years to come is a tariff for revenue. - State.

Well said. The State and the Dispatch are now upon the same platform. We omit two or three lines only of our neighbor's article.

The Dispatch is great, modest, and generous. Great, because it secured the nomination of Blaine. Modest, because it never revealed its powerful agency till now. Generous, because it concedes that Blaine did a kindly act for the South. - Bristol News.

Alas for our jokes. The Bristol News supposes that we really claim to have old comrades or ranged in deadly array secured Blaine's nomination in 1884! against them? Please read our words, "as the New York Herald would say." The next time we shall follow ARTEMUS WARD'S example and add, "This is a goak."

It is now stated that General PHIL, Sheridan was born in Ireland. If so, which de Cassagnac says is truth of the report.

Men and brethren, this is too silly even If in the new insurance law it is provided that it shall not apply to contracts
already in existence, no injustice will be
dense to either party so far as those condense to either party so far as those con-

tracts are concerned. New contracts of sane humanity. If Mr. Blaine wanted the nomination he had it beyond all possibility of question. Certainly more than two thirds of the delegates would have been in his favor without hesitation, ment, or the slightest effort.-New

Thus speaks Mr. Blaine's chief organ.

It is by no means improbable that the letter will be practically disregarded by his personal followers,—Providence

There's a hint for Yosr, the Lewises, CAMERON, BRADY, and the other Blaineperimental station because it was argued that Busine's unambiguous language counties of Hanover and Henrico was that the appropriation made by the Fed. | will bring to naught all our efforts to

> one applying to a stock of goods. We have The Southern Clinic for

RRIEF COMMENT.

"Will it be Sherman or Sheridan?"

And still the New York Sun does not suggest Benjy Butler as a substitute

should have a claw-hammer coat." Well, past, and now it seems that we shall have yes; considering that society is all tact.

"The surplus in the national Treasury

is a tempting bait." Yes, the Republiinto power. "Apropos to Mr. BLAINE's withdrawal.

FORAKER and SHERIDAN. The Ohio State Journal says: "New

broke the Metropolitan Bank of Cincin-We in Richmond who have the longest | nati. So say the dispatches." Isn't electric street-railroad in the world must there an "s" too many somewhere in sureties of C. J. Hill, late treasurer of

> New Book. Easy Lessons in French, By James A. Harrison, Professor of Modern

Languages in Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., and R. E. BLACKWELL, M. A., Professor of English and Modern Languages in Ran-dolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va. This seems to us to be an admirable text-book or school-book. We have run over a good many pages of it with pleasure: and, though we are rusty in the

that language.

made by the Government for increase in | Can We Pay Our Best? If So. How? the rapid carriage of its mails. We To Whom It May Concern-Greeting: That the next assessment will show a serious decline in values is (almost) evi-1888 as compared with that of 1884," he in a series of experiments by Deprez, does not once hint, though his friends the eminent French electrician. does not once hint, though his friends the eminent French electrician.

"The electro-automatic transit system ruin and disgrace? Could we not seinsist that such was the fact, that it was his magnetism and popularity, conjoined his magnetism and popularity, conjoined in the specific property of the services of our State and county officers for two thirds or one half what minute to give a speed to its trains of officers for two thirds or one half what the property and the property and the property and the property of the property and the property of the property and the property of the with the prospect of again having him for a candidate in 1888, that enthused the Republican party and occasioned the Republican party and esign, or if any one should we would have dozens to select from better or as good to take his place. As hard as the officers. We suppose such propositions are made by young and thoughtless members or old and foolish ones who ought never to expect or care to be again What a saving could be made In an article in yesterday's San he tells by reducing the pay of judges, Comnonwealth's attorneys, county trea-

surers, &c. And how many thousands by abolishpaved from curb to curb, must provide ing many of the offices, now costing thousands, that thirty years ago cost us tracks have some respect for the rights of | comparatively nothing, such as county indges and county school superintend ents, &c. We pay county school superinschool superintendents, select them from teachers of the free schools and not, as heretofore, so many from gas-works, water-works, &c., &c., "nat- lawyers, doctors, and petty politicians to think he might some day get to be the Senate will meet at 11 A. M. and county superintendent. Now he has no continue in session until 2 P. M., taking

hope; so few ever get it. white and black, could attend and we could dispense with perhaps 1,200 or 1,500 schools, and every child (white and black) could be taught several weeks

longer than they have been. With the exception of the additional

cost of schools, why cannot our expenses be approximately reduced to what they were thirty years ago? EARNEST REPORM

Athemaric county, Va., February 8,

Shermania.

IVANHOE, VA., February 13, 1888.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: There can be no doubt of the fact that Mahone controls the strength of the Republican party in this State. He manages the solid negro vote as the potter fashions his clay, while the votes of his party in the present Legislature n the senatorial contest show that he

man delegation is a foregone conclusion. This, however, will amount to nothing for Sherman will not receive the nomina electoral vote of Virginia. But in this connection there is a grave question that early concerns us as citizens of Vir-

Sherman is the recognized head of the malignant South-haters. Time, that in manly and patriotic breasts softens the asperities engendered by war, serves but intensify his vindictiveness. Do Mahone and his white followers wish to be classed as birds of a like feather? Many of them were gallant champions of the South in the civil war. Are they ashamed of that record? Would they blot that page in the history of their lives? And if it were to be repeated, would they be found shoulder to shoulder with their

Not only forgetfulness of the past must have stolen upon them, but a present madness which may well be called

Paul de Cassagnae in a letter to Prince Napoleon requests him to order his son, Prince Louis, to quit the Italian army, he is meligible to the office of President ganizing against France, and to take his of the United States. We doubt the sword where the point may not be directed against his country's heart.

"He ne'er considered it as loth to look

THE PILOTAGE LAWS HOUSE OF DELEGATES ORDERS THE BILL

TO ENGROSSMENT.

Discussion of the State Commerce Bill in the House-Insurance Law Engrossed in the Senate.

The Senate was called to order at 12 Building Association of American Lodge, No. 1789, Grand United Order of Oddoclock M. yesterday by Lientenant-Fellows, of Richmond city. Governor John E. Massey. No prayer,

The bill passed by the House on Tuesites in Virginia. We fear, however, day to protect rabbits or hares in the Western Railroad Company. placed on the calendar. DELINQUENT OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Auditor of Pub-A valued-policy law applying only to lie Accounts in response to a resolution calling for information as to officers indebted to the Commonwealth. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. The batch of manuscript, which covers the February. C. A. Baycz, M. D., editor period from 1871 to 1886, inclusive, weighs about two pounds. COMMITTEES' WORK.

a system of pleading in actions at common law [advers 1,]; to prescribe a rule of evidence in certain cases [adversely]; to further define the duties and enlarge the powers of the Commissioner of Agriculture, with amendments; for the protection of farmers against spurious and worthless fertilizers, with amendments; "To get a good grip in society a man to prevent frauds upon travellers. This last-named bill was on motion of

Mr. Edmunds recommitted, as its opponents desired a further hearing. On motion of Mr. Hurt the House bill authorizing a vote on the question of the removal of the court house of said cans are trying very hard to get back county was recommitted to the Committee on County, City, and Town Organiza-

BULLS PRESENTED. By Mr. Cornett : For the relief of Wil-When the giant's away the pygmics will liam Gore, with accompanying petition. By Mr. Ellyson: To give effect to sec-tion 4 of Article VI. of the Constitution of Virginia. [This is the bill adopted by the Bar Association requiring the opin England and the East have shown their jons of the Supreme Court, when deli-

unbounded confidence in Senator Sherunbounded confidence in Senator SherMAN." When, how, and by what means?

By Mr. Harrison: To repeal an act approved March 12, 1884, to equalize the taxes for the support of public free schools in the municipal school district of Bedford county.

> King William county.
>
> By Mr. Gillespie: To incorporate the unworthy of the name of testimony by the state of Jeffersonville Street-Railway Company. By Mr. Harrison : To amend sections and 6 of an act to incorporate the Martinsburg and Potomac Railroad Company, approved July 9, 1870.

SENATE BILLS PASSED. To amend the charter of the Sherwood Female Seminary, of Staunton.
For the relief of Lillias D. Womack, a lunatic. [Womack is an inmate of the Western Lunatic Asylum from Pittsylvania county. He has been there for to print. twenty-seven years, has paid over three French language, yet we can confidently | thousand dollars to the institution, and a suit against him for one thousand eight undred dollars more is now pending in be court of Pittsvlvania county.

> ill simply makes him a free patient for the remainder of his life.]
> To incorporate the Virginia and North Carolina Construction Company. To incorporate the Roanoke and

Franklin Turnpike Company. TAX ON VESSEL PROPERTY. Mr. Stubbs, under a suspension of the rules, called up out of its order Senate bill to amend the act to provide for the &c., and imposing taxes thereon, &c. | The amendment provides for assessing

While speaking in favor of the amend-ment Mr. Stubbs said that there are cleven vessels from the city of Richmond | tumult, and the reading of the Jo times are we hear it has been proposed to increase the pay of some of the State are not listed for taxation, and there are parliamentary motions were necessary; about 1,000 water craft now sailing on the Clerk had to send to the printer for the high seas and the waters of Virginia the Journal, and finally it was read, and ranging in value from \$700 to \$25,000, the House determined that the Journal aggregating in value about \$2,000,000, upon which not one cent of revenue is the field and made a motion to recon derived by the State of Virginia. He wanted the owners of this property be amended and that the Chair (Mr. brought up and made to pay taxes on Hay) should this day, when the bill was

some doubt as to whether such a law is ayes and noes are demanded; is the call stitutional, and that a sub-committee had been appointed by the Committee for Courts of Justice to inquire into its Journal was made in accordance with a constitutionality, which committee will rule which allows the Chair (Mr. Echols meet this morning at the library-room of | was in the chair at that time) to superthe Court of Appeals to examine into the vise the same before it is read, and that matter. He was perfectly willing, how- the view of the Chair was that the de-

bill was ordered to its engrossment. TWO SESSIONS A DAY. On motion of Mr. Rhea it was Resolved, That on and after to-day

a recess from then to 4 P. M. Mr. Koiner had just before this drawn measures on the calendar or of allowing

TIRE INSURANCE. Soon after 1 o'clock Mr. Bibb cailed for the special order, which was the following bill introduced by Mr. Edmunds of Halifax :

1. Be it enacted by the General As ably of Virghia, That it shall not be lawful for any insurance company doing business in this State to insert in any policy of insurance on property, real or personal, in this State, against loss by tinued until to-day at the same hour on motion of Mr. Mayo. aking, or provision to the effect that in case of loss the said insurance company shall be liable for less than the actual loss sustained to the amount of the surance thereon actually paid for by the insurers. All such clauses, provisions, or undertaking in any such policy, or otherwise in conflict with this act, shall has a strong backing among the whites. be void; and in case of partial losses, That he will take to Chicago a Sher- any such policy shall be held valid to cover actual losses to the amount insured : Provided, that this act shall not apply to existing contracts of insurance.
2. This act shall be in force from its

PAY ANTHOW.

passage.

Mr. Bibb offered an amendment pro viding that the companies shall pay full damages without the value of the property being proven. The amendment was liscussed at length by Messrs, Staples, Harrison, Rhea, Houston, and Ellyson,

and finally voted down. Mr. Gordon offered the following amendment: "And provided further that nothing in this act shall be construed as applying to mutual fire-insurance companies chartered by or in pursuance of the laws of Virginia. These companies, he proceeded to state, were protective associations of farmers on a co-operative plan, and that the striking out of the three-fourths

clause would kill them. Mr. Ellyson and others opposed the amendment, and it was rejected. The bill was ordered to its engross ment, and the Senate at 2:30 o'clock, by a vote of 15 to 14, adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning. House of Delegates.

The House met at 11 A. M.-Mr. Echols in the chair. No prayer. CITY BAILWAY. The Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns reported the bill to enlarge the powers of the Richmond City Railway Company.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

of Dranesville district, in Fairfax county, to vote on the question of continuing or

repealing the present fence law.

By Mr. Herbert: To provide for working the roads of Norfolk county.

By Mr. Callett: For the relief of the estate of C. G. Barksdale, deceased. By Mr. Coleman (by request): Petition of E. E. Seay to be relieved from a Raleigh-Dropped Dead-Rail-

By Mr. Waddill: To incorporate the (Special telegram to the Dispatch.) RALMOH, N. C., February 15 .- To-day the Commissioner of Agriculture makes the announcement of a series of farmers

SENATE BILL PASSED. To incorporate the Danville and Great HOUSE BILL PASSED.

For the relief of William M. Dooley, of Campbell county. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Dupuy called up the engrossed
House bill "to provide for the purchase The Board of Directors of the of certain property, an additional improvement for the State Female Normal tentiary was in session to-day, but took no action in regard to placing any more School, and to make an appropriation convicts on railway works. This bill appropriates \$10,000 to buy

a lot adjoining the school and to pur-Among the bills reported from committees were the following: To provide

Anderson of Rockbridge, Ryan of Lon-Mr. siding. The annual reports of the presidonn, Daingerfield of Essex, and Mr. Mayo of Westmoreland. Mr. Hay moved to recommit the bill.

Lost. The bill was then passed. A motion to reconsider was lost.

LOVE-OVERBY. The contested-election case of Love es. Overby came up as a special order.

Mr. Catlett hoped the case would be passed by, and that the minority report be printed. There was testimony in this report which it was necessary for the members to read before they could vote

farm fell dead. He was only thirteen Mr. Martin did not favor postpone-ment. The matter had stood long years old. Wilmington is in favor of a subscription

Mr. Treat said the minerity testimony in the report had not been deemed sufficiently material to print.

Mr. Catlett answered that the House should be the judge of the merits of tes-

Mr. Echols also thought the case should be passed by until the testimony could be printed.

Mr. Mayo opposed such action because, he declared, "the whole thing is unlawful." Never before had he heard of a committee of its own motion to go By Mr. Stubbs: For the relief of the out into the highways and by-ways and Board of Education contemplates doing take additional testimony; and this tos-timony he regarded as "rot"; it was

The House refused to pass by and holds, aggregating very nearly 800,000 print-ayes, 40; noes, 41. cided to read the testimony of the mi- of canals, both for drainage and trans-On motion of Mr. Figgat it was deportation, which the last Legislature

nority report. ority report.

As the Clerk began reading Mr. Polnothing is nowadays heard of it. The lard moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass by and print. He saw no use in wasting four or ive hours in hearing the report read. tiary came up the reformers stepped in, reduced the appropriation to starvation and thought the quickest way would be Mr. Waddill objected. The report

could be read in half an hour. The House agreed to pass by and print the minority report. TIT FOR TAT.

Mr. Waddill moved to set the McClintic case for one week hence. Agreed to.
On motion of Mr. Mayo the case of with very hearty commendation in North certain of successful result. Kilgro es. Leggett was postponed until Friday the 23d. COMMERCE BILL.

When the State commerce bill was Blair bill or something of that character. reached a question arose as to what was | The white people wish it; the colored the pending question. The Clerk stated assessment of taxes on persons, property, that it was on the engrossment of the

Mr. Figgat insisted that the aves and for taxes boats or water craft under five noes had been demanded thereon; that well. They have good prospects. in when a motion to adjourn p Here arose a lengthy technical debate,

during which the House was in great is having its effect. Several kinds of flowers are abloom here. At Goldsboro' sider, contending that it The British Steamship Euromoon Blackstone stated that there is the pending question be now put—the

ever, that the committee be discharged. mand for the pending question fell Mr. Stubbs pressed the matter and the through. The motion to reconsider was defeated. has been acquitted.

The Clerk stated that the entry on the

While the House was considering a motion made by Mr. Echols to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Mr. Anderson was agreed to the recess hour arrived.

The amendment which Mr. Echols wishes to reconsider is that which forbids the Galena were discharged from the free passes. During the day's discussion it appeared that never since Mr. John Bell Bigger

has been Clerk has there any occasion been found to correct his journal is always found correct, full, and reliable. Afternoon Session.

Mr. Echols called the House to order On motion of Mr. Pedigo the further consideration of the railroad bill was postponed until 12 o'clock to-day,

LABOR-BUREAU BULL

The labor-bureau bill was also con-ROLL-CALL-OYSTER-DREDGING The roll was then called for the con-

deration of private and local bills. Mr. Mayo's name was by general consent called first, he having to leave the city, and he asked that House Bill, No. amending the law for the preservation of oysters, and to obtain a revenue for the privilege of taking them from the waters of the Commonwealth, be taken

The local sales of cotton amounted to The amendment would virtually be 2,000 bales yesterday. The receipts are yet 600 and 700 bales a day. The Merritt Wrecking Company are throwing open the waters of Chesapeake bay to the dredging of oysters.

Messrs, Curtis and Mayo favored the stripping the bark Gray Eagle, stranded bill, and Messrs. Roane, Treat, and Pollard opposed it.

The bill was then passed by. The contract for building the new iron

PILOTAGE LAWS. Mr. Carter called up the bill abolishing compulsory pilotage in James river.
Messrs. Roane and Tinsley opposed the bill, the latter moving to pass it by. Mr. Gordon advocated the passage of

The motion to pass by was lost.

Mr. Martin moved to recommit, and spoke in favor of his motion, which was Owing to the bad weather and the dreadful condition of our county roads o advocated by Messrs. Pedigo, Starke, the attendance on the February term of and Robinson. Mr. Lyon G. Tyler favored the presthe County Court was not as large as usual. A good majority of those in at-tendance were of the colored population, ent consideration of the bill, as also did Mr. Treat. who seldom miss a court when one of The House refused to recommit.

The bill was opposed by Mr. Starke, who made the longest speech of the sestheir color is up for trial. The grand jury indicted William T.
Cowles, surveyor of the county roads for
Jamestown district. The roads in the
above-named section are almost impassa-The pending question was put, and the bill ordered to its engrossment and third ble, yet our people pay a good tax to keep them in better condition. An in-dictment was also found against the reading. Adjourned at 6:15 P. M. Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company for not keeping the approaches to their bridges in better order.

Sidalis, the great soap man, has covered the country with the legend, "Don't be a clam," because a clam does not "shell out" as he wishes the public to do. Soap, however good, only cleaness in outside: Scotch Oais Essence, on the contrary, cleaness, surflies, and strengthens the brain and Nervous Systom, both in and out cures Seuralis, then here view and the Richard Bowman, Esq., of Columbus, Ga., and Miss Annie Vaiden, of James City county, were married this afterpoon in the Methodist church by the rector, the Rev. Thomas P. Wise. The

was comfortably filled with the friends FARMERS' INSTITUTES of the parties. The presents were both numerous and handsome. The pair left

on the evening train for an extended A NUMBER TO BE HELD IN MORTH bridal tour. Messrs, A. Brooks, Sr. and Jr., have partially recovered from their recent at-

CAROLINA.

road Matters.

institutes which be will hold in nine

counties in the northeastern part of the

State in the following order: Camden,

fund it has heretofore had annually.

son county yesterday on his father's

It is announced that if the vote of

lands turnpike in Beaufort county, will

begin operations on the canal between

work of importance to a large section.

opening of the vast bodies of lands it

many or more counties. But when the

point, and as a result the convicts cannot

but have to earn their living on work for

which the State gets \$125 a year apiece

for their labor. The whole matter is one

of the curious legacies left by the last

The Dispatch's manly and frankly

by a State official who ought to know

what he speaks about, 999 out of every

1,000 North Carolinians demand the

The truckers in the eastern section-

crops by reason of frost-are doing very

An Arabian woman, a member of a

and of strollers, was run over and killed

The warm weather of the past few days

NORFOLK NEWS NOTES.

Gotten Affont - Acquitted - Re-

wards Offered.

The British steamship Earnmoor came off Hog island without sustaining any

damage and proceeded on her way to

The young woman, Mattie Johnson,

charged with stealing \$600 from Madam

White and then running off with a man

m Richmond and spending the funds

Passed-Assistant-Paymaster O. C. Tif-

A line of steamers to run from this

port in connection with the Atlantic and

Danvill railroad during the trucking sea-son to Baltimore is said to be in contem-

Rev. Dr. Dinwiddie will commence s

series of meetings looking to a revival

The Board of Supervisors of Norfolk

county have directed rewards to be of-

fered for the capture of three negro

murderers of the county who are at

Son, of Baltimore, to-day, at \$48,900.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Railroad Surveyor Indicted-Mar-

riage-Personals and Briefs.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch,)

FEBRUARY 15, 1888.

feeling the revival influence.

city cemeteries.

Jamestown, was relieved to-day

NOBFOLK, VA., February 15, 1888.

pondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

by a train on Sturgeon trestle, in Bruns

people, to a man, desire it.

wick county, Monday.

Philadelphia.

being completed.

peach-trees are in full bloom.

e used on the big improvement scheme,

Within the next two years the State

in advance.

tack of sickness, and are out again. City-Treasurer Dawson is still confined to his room. The business of the office in the mean time is being con-queted by his polite and efficient deputy. The vestry of Bruton-Parish Episcopal church will meet Thursday evening for the purpose of extending a call to a min-It is stated that the Rev. J. M. Ambler will be invited to take charge of this parish. Mr. Ambler was formerly minister of this church for a number of years, and was greatly beloved both as a minister and as a Christian gentleman.

Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Bertie, Gates, and Hertford. Beginning next Friday these institutes will be held regularly until the The news of the passage by the Senate of the bill making William and Mary College a State Normal School was re-12th instant. In each county the insticeived here with many expressions of The Board of Directors of the Penisatisfaction by all classes of our people, and if the House will also act favorably tentiary was in session to-day, but took the old college will once more resume its career of usefulness. Its lecture-rooms are all nicely furnished and the yet less than 200 convicts in the prison The trustees of the University meet buildings in an excellent state of preservation. here to-morrow-Governor Scales pre-

Gathered at Alexandria.

dent and officers will be submitted and (Special telegram to the Dispatch.) some matters of importance discussed ALEXANDRIA. VA., February 15 .-The University losses \$7,500 annually by Young Edward McConchin, of Bealeton, the diversion to the Agricultural and who fell from a moving freight Monday Mechanical College of that much of the night and was removed to Culpeper with fractured skull, died there last night The Farmers' Alliance of Wake, which He was well known along the Midland is a body of some twelve or fifteen hundred farmers, have perfected trade ar-

line, having been a brakeman.

Intelligence from New York announces the death there of Mrs. Chase, rangements in accordance with the plans of their order, and will effect a large daughter of Mrs. George Maxwell. saving. In several counties these trade over one hundred and fifty years were CHAIN, OFFICERS A colored couple whose ages aggregate arrangements are being put in order, and that plan is finding favor.
Robert Ivey while ploughing in Robemarried in Prince William last week.

Staunton, Va., February 15.—Mrs. Jane S. Harlan, wife of George Harlan, died at the residence of her husband, in to the Cape Fear and Yadkin-Valley railway the contract will be awarded and this city, this morning; aged seventywork begin immediately. All these pre-liminary arrangements have been made was Ball. She was born and reared in Richmond, and had resided in Staunton The force of convicts, numbering 100, about forty years. which by reason of high water was forced to suspend work in the swamp

Mr. Spurgeon's Idea of Purgatory on Earth.

London, February 14.-Rev. Mr. Spurgeon in a letter to the Wesleyan Reform Union, in reply to a resolution adopted by that body expressing approval of his course in withdrawing from the Baptist Union, says: "I am unable to remain longer quiet when the war is for the authority of the Scriptures and the great doctrines of man's ruin, his redemption, and finality of the The magnificent scheme for a system Lord's judgment. Being zealous for Lord's judgment. Being zealous for Prices as usual. Bex-oftes open for the old evangelical faith, I may speak reserved seats.

Next attraction, Millon Notices. too sternly against the enemies of truth, and my words may seem unnecessarily sharp swords. We will together fight for the Word and Gospel. We will bear our outspoken witness against this | the modern pargatory.

> The negotiations with regard to Bulgaria which were interrupted on the de-parture for St. Petersburg of Count 514 Main street chouvaloff, Russian Ambassador at Berlin, are about to be resumed. Joseph Chamberlain announces that he

of Commons by March 12th. His friends Carolina, as one often hears. As is said Washington, February 14.-The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Alexander McCue to be Assistant Trea-

popes to resume his place in the House

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worse condition than for many years.

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